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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of Hidenobu KAMIZONO  
KEYBOARD DEVICE CAPABLE OF AUTOMATICALLY CHANGING  
FUNCTION OF CERTAIN KEY WITHOUT PRESSING A SPECIFIC KEY  
**Assignee: NEC CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q77868



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/599,569 (Confirmation No. 9797) filed June 23, 2000 of Hidenobu KAMIZONO entitled KEYBOARD DEVICE CAPABLE OF AUTOMATICALLY CHANGING FUNCTION OF CERTAIN KEY WITHOUT PRESSING A SPECIFIC KEY.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2675.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	176226/1999	June 23, 1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/599,569.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>10</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u> \$0.00
Independent claims	<u>5</u> - 3	=	<u>2</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>          </u> \$172.00
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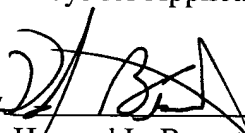
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Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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